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Ms. Dixon:

1 As a Mesquite Area Chamber of Commerce we are writing in opposition to the proposed transportation of nuclear waste through our City.

2 Mesquite is the fastest growing small city in the United States. We have grown over 441% since 1990 and we don't see any evidence of that slowing down. We have 700 million dollars worth of new homes and businesses. Construction is our second industry next to gaming. I-15 (our major arterial) divides the city of 15,000 in half. Many businesses and houses are located in close proximity to the freeway. In addition, if there were an accident, similar to the one in Kingman, approximately seven thousand residents and business owners would be stranded. There are no other access routes.

3 It certainly casts doubt on the efficiency of the transportation problem when Mesquite does not even appear on the D.O.E. maps. Further, in Nuclear Regulatory Commission NURE6-1437, dated February 1999, the city is not mentioned and the planned route does not go through Overton as stated.

We urge you to take these matters into consideration. We thank you for your time.

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